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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 20 October 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m. 38th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/55/L.8) [170]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [181]

Tenth emergency special session

5 p.m. 14th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Illegal Israeli actions in Occupied East Jerusalem and the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory: draft resolution (A/ES-10/L.6) [5]

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with women and peace and security.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

3 p.m.-4 p.m. — 20th meeting* — Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

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* The meeting will be followed by the informal intersessional meeting of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All its Aspects.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 19th meeting — Conference Room 2

3 p.m. — 20th meeting — Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: high-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership [94 (d)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.8

2. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.7

3. Environment and sustainable development [95]]

   (b) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/55/211)

   (c) Water supply and sanitation (A/55/65-E/2000/19)

   (d) Further Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/55/185 and A/C.2/55/3)

   (e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (A/55/331)

   (f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/55/91)

   - *Conclusion of general discussion*

4. Programme planning [118] (A/55/6, A/55/16 and A/C.2/55/5)

   Consideration of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

Afternoon*-6 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 (item 92 (d))

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.5 (item 94) and A/C.2/55/L.4 (item 94 (b))

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* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. — 29th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18 (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459, A/C.3/55/L.20)

2. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

   Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 30th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [110]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.17

2. Advancement of women [107]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112] (A/55/18 (Suppl. No. 18) and Add.1, A/55/203, A/55/266, A/55/285, A/55/304, A/55/307, A/55/459, A/C.3/55/L.20)

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [113] (A/55/176 and Add.1, A/55/334)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Pattern of conferences (A/55/32, A/55/134, A/55/182, A/55/259, A/55/410, A/55/430 and A/AC.172/2000/6))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: Letters dated 17 July and 26 September 2000 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/55/2 and A/C.5/55/12))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162] (PCNICC/2000/L.3/Rev.1, PCNICC/2000/INF/3, Add.1 and 2)

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [155] (A/55/173 and Corr.1 and Add.1)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3 (agenda item 163)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration in Kosovo (UNMIK)

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 20 October 2000

AFRICAN GROUP EXPERTS

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(draft resolution on INSTRAW)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(agenda item 94 (c) (Cultural development))

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on human settlements, desertification, complementary of conventions, Rio+10 review)

6 p.m. - 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 20 October 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Council of European Parliamentary Assembly, organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, *today*, 20 October 2000, from 12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from *today*, 20 October 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Symposium

There will be a symposium on "Strategies for Youth Participation", organized by the youth representatives at the Permanent Missions of Australia, Bangladesh, Denmark, India, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden, *today*, 20 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Mr. Otunnu Olara, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflicts, will address the meeting. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order (agenda item 174), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guyana, will take place *today*, 20 October 2000, from 3.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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Announcement

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 23 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	32nd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee will hold its 15th meeting on Thursday, 26 October 2000 at 3 p.m. and will begin consideration of agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 84 and the other remaining items (agenda items 85, 86 and 87) are urged to kindly inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-0388), as soon as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

There will be a briefing on globalization and appropriate governance under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Second Committee, on Wednesday, 25 October 2000 from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The moderator will be Mr. Sarbuland Khan, Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be given by Professor J. Bhagwati of Columbia University. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations funds and programmes, the specialized agencies, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations and press are invited to attend.

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The resumed first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the High-Level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development will be held on Monday, 30 October 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet from Monday, 23 October, to Wednesday, 22 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC-2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the African Group (First Committee experts) on Monday, 23 October 2000, immediately following the 21st meeting of the First Committee, in the morning. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 23 and 24 October 2000, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday and Friday, 26 and 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Panel discussion

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Reducing the Impact of Environmental Emergencies Through Early Warning and Preparedness - The Case of El Niño Southern Oscillation", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme, in collaboration with the United Nations University, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Strategy for Natural Disaster Reduction and the National Center for Atmospheric Research, on Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office (tel.: (212) 963-6387) or the UNEP Office (tel.: (212) 963-8094).

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Briefing

The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues: climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 18 October 2000

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session of 2000

46th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The Council approved the agenda for the meeting, as listed in the *Journal*.

Themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council

Documents E/2000/65 and E/2000/L.34

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), introduced draft decision E/2000/L.34, entitled "Themes for the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council".

The Council then adopted the draft decision contained in E/2000/L.34.

Dates for the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development

On the proposal of the President, the Council adopted an oral decision to hold the fifth session of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development in Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2001.

Dates for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development

On the proposal of the President, the Council adopted an oral decision to hold the thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development on 2 to 6 April 2001.

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

Documents E/2000/29, Suppl. No.9, and a draft circulated by the President of the Council

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi (Islamic Republic of Iran) introduced on behalf of the President of the Council the draft submitted by him, on the basis of his informal consultations.

A statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure was before the Council (E/2000/L.33).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement), Costa Rica, Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Sudan and the Russian Federation.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution as circulated.

After the adoption of the circulated draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of: France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement), Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Costa Rica.

The President of the Council made a statement.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

Implementation of General General Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 42/12B

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

The Vice-President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), reported to the Council the results of the informal consultations held on documents E/2000/67, E/2000/85 and E/2000/79.

The Council deferred its consideration of the item.

Non-governmental organizations [12]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on recommendations contained in document E/2000/88 (Part I)

Draft decision I

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision II

The Vice-President, Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), informed the Council of the results of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

The Council had before it documents E/2000/L.35 and E/2000/L.36, which would replace the draft decision.

E/2000/L.35

The President informed the Council that a recorded vote had been requested on this draft decision.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Japan and the Russian Federation.

The Council adopted the draft decision by a recorded vote of 25 to 18, with 9 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Lesotho.

E/2000/L.36

The representative of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), the other associated countries (Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), which aligned themselves with the statement) made a statement in which he requested a recorded vote on the draft decision.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy and Bolivia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Sierra Leone, the Russian Federation, Cuba, China, Canada, the United States and Japan.

The Council rejected the draft decision by a recorded vote of 20 to 23, with 9 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Cuba, Algeria and Mexico.

Statements were also made by the representative of the Sudan, as well as by the observer for Turkey.

Draft decision III

The Council was informed that the resumed session of the Non-Governmental Committee 2000 session would take place from 15 to 26 January 2001.

The Council adopted the draft decision.

Draft decision IV

The Council adopted the draft decision.

E/2000/L.37

The Council also had before it a draft decision contained in document E/2000/L.37.

The Vice-President, Mr. M Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), informed the Council of the results of informal consultations held on the draft decision.

Following statements by the representatives of Algeria, Pakistan, Cuba, Cameroon, India and Japan, the Council adopted the draft decision, as orally corrected.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and China.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Elections postponed from previous sessions [1]

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

Austria was elected by acclamation for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council further postponed the election of two members from African States, three members from Asian States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Hungary was elected by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council further postponed the election of four members from African States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Bahamas was elected by acclamation for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2001.

Thursday, 19 October 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

37th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/55/345/Add.9) [122]

The General Assembly took note that Haiti had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

Statements were made by the representatives of Jamaica, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Norway, Egypt, Indonesia, Cameroon, the Philippines, Nepal and Rwanda.

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Security Council (A/55/2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 11.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Netherlands on agenda item 181 (A/55/495) [8]

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 15 of the rules of procedures and decided to schedule consideration of agenda item 181 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons) for Friday, 20 October 2000. The General Assembly further decided to hear the Director-General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons under agenda item 181.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [31]

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/55/300 and Add.1 and 2)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/55/L.9)*

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Belarus, Cuba, Iraq, South Africa, the Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier by the General Assembly at the same meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

Members were informed that action on draft resolution A/55/L.9 was postponed to a later date.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Kuwait and Iraq.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of South Africa on behalf of NAM introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/55/L.20 to A/C.1/55/L.24.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.25.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.33.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.48.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.32.

The representative of Brazil on behalf of MERCOSUR made a statement pertaining to agenda item 73 (f).

The representative of Mongolia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.40.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.6.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.34.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42.

The representative of the Netherlands made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 14th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ukraine, Pakistan, Egypt, Tunisia, Ecuador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Greece and the Republic of Korea.

The representative of Chile (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.8.

Oral revisions to the draft resolution were made by the representatives of Cuba and Greece.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that action on this draft resolution would take place on Thursday, 26 October, once the programme budget implications on the item would be available and circulated no later than Monday, 23 October, in document A/C.4/55/L.9.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 84 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible,on the item, as well as on the remaining agenda items 85, 86 and 87.

The Chairman also informed delegations who wished to submit comments or suggestions to the relevant chapters of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 to kindly submit them no later than Friday, 20 October, in order to enable him to transmit them to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [94]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.5

The representative of Kyrgyzstan introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Israel and Madagascar.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of countries with economies in transition into the world economy [94 (b)]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.4

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document. Morocco and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia subsequently joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, ad interim, of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iceland, the Russian Federation, Colombia (on behalf of Rio Group countries), Tajikistan, Pakistan, Belarus, Belize (on behalf of CARICOM countries), Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Brazil (on behalf of MERCOSUR countries), Costa Rica, Kenya, the United States, Bulgaria, China and Morocco, and by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

18th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Japan, India, Nepal, Egypt, Jordan, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, Gabon, Oman and Uganda.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of sub-item 95 (a).

Environment and sustainable development [95]

(b) Convention on Biological Diversity

(c) Water supply and sanitation

(d) Further Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Director of the Division for Sustainable Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), France (on behalf of the European Union), Norway, Colombia (on behalf of the Rio Group countries), Guatemala and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Egypt, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Cuba, China, the Sudan, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Ethiopia, Croatia, Slovakia, Ukraine, Monaco, the Syrian Arab Republic and San Marino.

A statement was made by the observer for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The representative of the International Labour Organization also made a statement.

28th meeting

Advancement of women [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.12

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

The representative of the Philippines announced that Azerbaijan, Croatia, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guatemala, Hungary, Israel, Jamaica, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahariya, Malaysia, Namibia, Norway, Paraguay, Romania, Togo, the Republic of Korea and the United Republic of Tanzania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bahamas, the Congo, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Rwanda, Swaziland, Uganda and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of the United States made a statement.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.15

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral correction that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

The representative of Denmark announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Azerbaijan, Barbados, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Guyana, Israel, Malaysia, Paraguay, Peru and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Burkina Faso, the Congo, Poland, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Senegal, Uganda and Uzbekistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representatives of Singapore, the United States and Jordan made statements.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [112]

Right of peoples to self-determination [113]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Australia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Jordan, Pakistan, Algeria and Saint Lucia.

Right of reply

The representatives of Eritrea, Ethiopia, Morocco and Algeria made statements in exercise of the right of reply.

Programme planning [118]

The Committee held a discussion on the item and heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Bangladesh, Australia, Pakistan, China, Chile, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Mexico and Egypt.

Delegations wishing to do so were invited to submit written comments on the medium-term plan to the Secretary by 24 October for transmission to the Fifth Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its discussion of agenda item 118.

Organization of work

The Chairperson made a statement and reminded delegations that the Committee had agreed to take action on draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14 on Friday, 20 October, at 3 p.m.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, San Marino, Kenya, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of CARICOM), Ghana, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Fiji, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cambodia and Angola.

The observers for Switzerland and the International Committee of the Red Cross also made statements.

The representatives of France and New Zealand made announcements.

12th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 162 and heard statements made by the representatives of Chile, Ecuador, Argentina, Venezuela, Nigeria, Guinea, Israel, the Philippines, Burkina Faso, the Syrian Arab Republic, Botswana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Japan.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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1874th meeting

General comments of the Committee [5]

The Committee began its consideration of the draft general comment on article 4.

1875th meeting

General comments of the Committee [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the draft general comment on article 4.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Covenant [6]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special gathering

The first gathering of United Nations Messengers of Peace and Goodwil Ambassadors will be held on Monday, 23 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. There will be a town-hall meeting on "The Role of Celebrity Advocacy in an Age of Cynicism", moderated by Riz Khan (CNN International). The programme will be broadcast live on in-house television and will be also webcast live on the United Nations Web site.

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Closure of the Delegates' Lounge

The Delegates' Lounge will be closed until 1.30 p.m. on Monday, 23 October 2000, due to the event that will be taking place in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Viennese Café will be open in the first basement for regular service.

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Award ceremony

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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Special events

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights will hold a special event in connection with the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Major participants in this event will be human rights leaders from the United States of America, Goodwill Ambassadors for the World Conference and Mr. Saikou Diallo. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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